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H. RES. 49

Honoring Karen Bass for becoming the first African-American woman elected Speaker of the California State Assembly.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WATSON (for herself, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. FARR, Ms. MATSUI, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. FILNER, Ms. SOLIS of California, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. COSTA, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. WATERS, and Mr. CARDOZA) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Honoring Karen Bass for becoming the first African-American woman elected Speaker of the California State Assembly.

Whereas Karen Bass made history as the first African-American woman to serve as Speaker in a State legislative body in the United States;

Whereas Karen Bass was sworn in as the 67th Speaker of the California State Assembly on May 13, 2008;

Whereas Karen Bass was elected in 2005 to represent California's 47th Assembly District;

Whereas Karen Bass represents Culver City, West Los Angeles, Westwood, Cheviot Hills, Ladera Heights, the Crenshaw District, Little Ethiopia, Baldwin Hills, and parts of Korea Town and South Los Angeles;

Whereas Karen Bass in her first term was appointed to Majority Whip;

Whereas Karen Bass in her second term was elevated to the post of Majority Floor Leader, making her the first woman to hold the post and the second African-American to serve in the position;

Whereas Karen Bass founded and operated Community Coalition before becoming an elected official, which is a community based social justice organization in South Los Angeles empowering people to make a difference in the community;

Whereas Karen Bass graduated from Hamilton High School, California State University at Dominguez Hills, and the University of Southern California's School Of Medicine; and

Whereas Karen Bass was raised in the Venice/Fairfax area of Los Angeles with her parents DeWitt and Wilhelmina Bass: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) honors Karen Bass for becoming the first
- 3 African-American woman Speaker of the California
- 4 State Assembly; and

1 (2) expresses support for the California State
2 Assembly as it welcomes Karen Bass as its 67th
3 Speaker.

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